

BRUTAL KILLING IN JAMES CITY COUNTY

Negro Continued to Hack His Victim Long After Death.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] WILLIAMSBURG, VA., March 7.—As a result of a Saturday night brawl between two negroes, James Smith and Henry Epps, at Five Forks, about five miles from here on the James-town Road, one of the most blood-thirsty and vicious murders occurred last night that has ever been heard of in the history of James City County.

It seems that Smith and Epps had a rather warm dispute, and that Epps, who was a white man, was the aggressor. Smith, in the hand fight that followed, they were dragged apart, and it was thought that there was an end of it. In a few minutes, however, Smith, drawing his knife, attacked Epps, stabbing him twice in the face before he could get out of the way. Without attempting to defend himself, Epps took to his heels with his enemy close behind him. Climbing a steep bank in an attempt to reach the near-by woods, Epps slipped and fell, and before he could regain his balance, Smith was upon him, stabbing him rapidly, time after time. Even after life became extinct, he continued to hack the inanimate body of his enemy, literally hacking him to pieces. He continued at his bloody work until he was torn from his prey, never hacked and sliced up beyond recognition.

The authorities here were notified of the murder about 2 o'clock this morning, and Epps was brought in and placed in the jail here about 11 o'clock.

DAUGHTERS ACT

Onancock Chapter Thinks That Dr. Alderman Made a Mistake.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] ONANCOCK, VA., March 7.—N. Powell, of Onancock, was a member of the Eastern Shore Produce Exchange by the directors at their meeting on Saturday. Mr. Powell is the son of Hon. N. B. Powell, a graduate of the University of Virginia and has recently returned from a year trip abroad.

Farms Sold. George E. Hopkins, of Locustville, purchased on Friday of Mrs. William F. Jones a seventy-five-acre farm, lying between Onancock and Onley, for \$5,000.

William Caxton sold a farm on Folly Creek, containing seventy-one acres, for \$5,000.

At a special meeting of the Jefferson Davis Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, held at the chapter rooms Saturday night, the following resolutions were adopted:

1. That we do not find anything intentionally complimentary to General Lee in Miss Epps' essay.

2. That the statements that the South was intellectually dead, and that General Lee had only inefficient and ignorant assistants, prove how little she knew of the conditions in the South.

3. That we do not think the essay should go down to posterity indorsed by the U. D. C. and its chapters.

Recognizing Dr. Alderman's eminent ability and loyalty to the South, we do not condemn him, but feel that he has made a mistake.

Schooner Ashore. The schooner Helen Bendis, loaded with coal from Newport News to Port Antonio, was ashore near Totten Cove, Friday night. The crew was taken off by Captain J. M. Federman and crew of Assateague Life Saving Station, and it was thought the vessel would be a total wreck. The wind changed during the night. She was hoisted without loss and proceeded on her way.

TO USE WATER POWER

Company Will Furnish Electricity to Lynchburg and Vicinity.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LYNCHBURG, VA., March 7.—E. R. Monroe, of Brookneal, one of the principal owners of the Hyman rights on Staunton River, not far distant from Brookneal, which are to be developed for the purpose of bringing electric power to Lynchburg, went to New York City last night to complete the organization of the company which is to develop this valuable property.

Mr. Monroe says a meeting is to be held in New York to complete the organization, and it is expected that the project will have something like \$500,000 behind it.

It is understood that several different syndicates are endeavoring to get in this organization and become identified with the improvement.

The company expects to develop electric power for the counties of Albemarle and Charlottesville, and it is understood that work will be started on the immense concrete dam as soon as the organization can be affected and a contract let for the work. All of the plans for the development seem to be in hand.

STATE NORMAL

Professor Binford, of Richmond, to Conduct One at Chace City.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] CHASE CITY, VA., March 7.—Professor J. H. Binford, of Richmond, has made arrangements to conduct a State normal at the present county school building here in July and continuing five weeks. Professor S. P. Duke, with twelve other assistants, will be engaged with instructions in different departments of the school. About two hundred teachers are expected to attend from Mecklenburg, Brunswick, Greensville, Sussex, Lunenburg and Halifax counties. The Board of Supervisors of Mecklenburg has appropriated four hundred dollars to aid this school. It will be held in the new and commodious High School building, which will be completed in ample time for the purpose. This will be the third State normal held here, and they have heretofore been largely attended, and an occasion of unusual enjoyment and profit for those who have been so fortunate in availing themselves of the advantages.

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Court has given notice of a special election to be held in this county on 23rd of March, on an issue of \$30,000 in bonds for macadamizing public roads in Chase City District. Polls will be open at every precinct in the county. At the last election for this purpose held in 1903, when the vote "for issue" was carried by a handsome majority, two precincts failed to open the polls and hence a new election is ordered. The bonds can be readily placed as soon as authorized by a valid election. Survey already made.

DECLINES POSITION

Mr. Black Will Not Be Superintendent of Staunton's Schools.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LYNCHBURG, VA., March 7.—W. M. Black, principal of the Lynchburg High School, who was recently offered the position of superintendent of the public schools of Staunton, has declined to consider the matter, preferring rather to remain in Lynchburg.

Mr. Black was considered by the School Board of Staunton for this important position, and the recommendation of that board to the State Educational Board would have been equivalent to an election.

Mr. Black was the third to have been named to members of the faculty of this school.

MARKHAM CONVICTED.

Jury Gives Him Five Years on Charge of Burglary.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BEDFORD CITY, VA., March 7.—At the night session Saturday of the Circuit Court, the jury brought in a verdict of guilty of burglary in the case against J. E. Markham and fixed the punishment as five years in the penitentiary. The charge of burglary is only a part of the case against Markham, who was indicted for setting fire to the stable of Powell brothers, near Goff's, in the northside of the county, last November and of entering the store with intent of burglary while the stable and contents were being burned. The Powell's claimed that Markham entered the store and his tracks were also followed by a trained bloodhound. But he set up a strong alibi, and the case was fought vigorously. Markham has a wife and three children.

FATHER AND SON ATTACKED.

Three Unknown White Men Wound W. L. and Lorton Beckner.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] ROANOKE, March 7.—While W. L. Beckner and his son Lorton were going home early this morning they were attacked by three unknown white men. The father received a bruise on his head, and the young man was cut twice in the face and on the hand, and in the right side, but none of the wounds are serious.

Stores Sold.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] SOUTH BOSTON, VA., March 7.—The double stores, belonging to W. J. Johnson, situated on Main Street just above the Masonic Temple, were sold at auction a few days ago by Edmunds & Easley for the sum of \$6,730. A. H. Vaughn, being the purchaser, who is dwelling belonging to Mr. Johnson. This is situated on upper Washington Street, and was purchased by Allen Finch for the sum of \$3,310.

Pastor Accepts Call.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BRISTOL, VA., March 7.—Rev. W. H. T. Squires, for eight years pastor of Central Presbyterian Church here, today announced his resignation and his acceptance of a call to the Park Place Presbyterian Church at Norfolk, Va. He will begin his new pastorate April 1. Under his direction the Central Church here was provided with a new edifice at a cost of \$15,000.

Fruit Is Uninjured.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LYNCHBURG, VA., March 7.—The report sent out from Richmond that the fruit of the State had been damaged by the blizzard of Thursday, is not true of the central and western parts of the State. The fruit was not injured here. The sun was shining here while the storm was on in Richmond, Washington and Baltimore, and the fruit here has been better than elsewhere. Although fruit trees are further advanced than usual nothing has happened here to hurt them, for there has been no cold weather.

Snow in Alleghenies.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] MONTEREY, VA., March 7.—For the first time during the present winter season in the Alleghenies, west of Monterey, is interrupted by snow drifts. The average depth is only a few inches, but the terrible winds carried it for miles and piled it at the usual places where blockades occur. Mail service between the West Virginia town of Bartons and Monterey has been suspended since the 4th.

Engineer Recovering.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LYNCHBURG, VA., March 7.—Engineer Herbert Fairfax, of Alexandria, who was injured in the wreck of the Southern, near Tye river, last Wednesday afternoon, is improving nicely at the St. Andrew's Home here, where he has been under treatment since the accident.

MISS KINRADE'S STORY OF KILLING

Strange Murder of Her Sister Ethel—The Police Are Suspicious.

TORONTO, CAN., March 6.—Florence Kinrade, who has been suffering from nervous shock since the murder of her sister, Ethel, a week ago last Thursday, has so far recovered as to be able to assure the authorities that she will be able to give her evidence at the inquest next Wednesday at Hamilton. Her sworn statement is awaited with interest, as she has told four different stories of what she saw on that fatal afternoon. This is her statement as to what actually took place:

"Ethel and I were upstairs getting ready to go for a walk when I heard a knock at the front door. I went down and opened the door. A man, whom I would recognize any time, brushed me aside and stepped into the hall. He demanded money and valuables at the point of a revolver and threatened to shoot if I cried out. I told him for God's sake not to shoot and I would give him all the money I had. I went upstairs and took up the money I had made while singing in Virginia, and passing Ethel's bedroom I told her to lock herself in the room.

"The fellow downstairs evidently heard me, as he cried out: 'Make a noise and I'll kill you.' 'I don't think Ethel heard me, for she did not lock her bedroom door, so afraid to try and tell her again that a man was in the house demanding money at the point of a revolver. I proceeded downstairs and gave the fellow the last cent of money in the house. He grabbed it hurriedly and as I thought left the house. Whether he waited at the front door until I went into the back of the house or not I do not know, but a few minutes later I heard Ethel coming down the back stairs, and I went through the hall to the back kitchen to tell her I had been held up.

"When I reached there Ethel was near the bottom of the stairs and the fellow was standing in the doorway. I don't think he spoke to either of us, but as Ethel reached the bottom stairs he opened fire and I saw her reel and fall on the kitchen floor.

"If you speak I will shoot you also," the man said, and I raised my hands to my mouth to prevent myself from shrieking. Before I realized what had happened the man had fled, and Ethel was lying on her side on the floor. I became hysterical and ran out to the street. I went into a store at the corner, crying that Ethel had been shot.

"A couple of men ran back to the house, but no trace of the man could be found.

Miss Walker, Miss Kinrade's nurse, made the following statement tonight: 'I've been with Miss Kinrade while she's been delirious, and she has been hysterical and in fact almost all the time, and never have I heard her utter one word that would indicate that she knew anything of the affair more than has been said.'

The public mind refuses to be appeased, however, and some of the police are of the opinion that Florence knows more than she has told. They have a theory that she may be shielding some one.

MAY HAVE OPPOSITION.

Mr. Wallford and Captain Hayden May Offer for Legislature.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LANCASTER, VA., March 7.—Reports reached here during the past week that John Wallford, who has represented the county in the House of Delegates for the last two terms, and who is a candidate for re-election, will probably have opposition in the Democratic primaries.

It is understood that R. Carter Wellford, of Richmond county, has been urged to enter the race, and that he has the matter under advisement. It is also said that Captain Hayden, who lives at Irvington, may also be a candidate for the nomination.

Damage from Storm.

The snowstorm which began here Wednesday afternoon and continued through the night and the greater part of the next day, was one of the severest for many years. Trees were blown down by the wind or broken down by the weight of the snow, and the roads were so blocked by fallen trees and snowdrifts that travel was practically suspended for several days. Great havoc was wrought in the forests, especially among the young plants that have been left standing by the timber cutters. The Richmond papers of Thursday and Friday did not reach here until late in the night, and the snow still lies several inches deep on the ground.

Want Revival Meetings.

Efforts are making at Heathsville to get Evangelist Wiley, of Richmond, to hold a series of revival meetings there during the month of April. It is said that the denomination here will co-operate in the meetings. Mr. Wiley recently held very successful meetings at Colonial Beach, in Westmoreland county, where nearly one hundred persons professed conversion.

Mormons at Work.

G. E. Merchant and William L. Shelley, two Mormon elders from Utah, have been operating in this section for some weeks, visiting homes and distributing documents concerning their religious tenets. They are now drumming up recruits in the neighborhood of Irvington.

Was With Fleet.

Charles P. Laughlin, who has just returned with the American fleet that circumnavigated the globe, is visiting his father, A. W. Laughlin, of the Whiteside High School, in the lower part of Lancaster.

Attended Inauguration.

Only a few persons went from this section to attend the inauguration of President Taft, among them Samuel P. Gresham, Esq., chairman of the Republican party in Lancaster.

Urges Union for Actors.

NEW YORK, March 7.—The bringing of all the actors of the United States into a national organization, which would affiliate itself with the American Federation of Labor, and secure whatever benefits accrue from concerted action, was urged here to-night by Arthur Hattell, the well-known labor leader.

Wednesday Club Rehearsal.

The section of the Wednesday Club children's chorus living west of Fowl Street will meet for rehearsal this afternoon at 4 o'clock in Fraternity Hall instead of to-morrow afternoon, as it was first announced. The rehearsal of the most important of the early rehearsals, and special attention is called to the change in the date.

LIKE POLITICS, SO THEY GOVERN

Candidates Seek Higher Offices After Long Service With the Commonwealth.

SOME CONTESTED PLACES

Factions Line Up for Battle and Show Why They Should Be Honored Again.

BY C. A. BOYCE.

It appears from the records that in recent years Virginia has incurred the habit of training her candidates for State offices in legislative bodies. Leaving out the past, which abounds in convincing evidence along this line, the present furnishes a fine example. It is a fact, of which perhaps the average voter has never thought, that all the candidates for contested positions in the coming State primary have seen legislative service. And yet this is not all. Two of the incumbents, whose names will appear on the ticket, most likely without opposition, have had valuable training in the State Legislature. These are Secretary of the Commonwealth D. Q. Eggleston, who for years was a distinguished member in the Senate, and afterwards a most influential member of the Constitutional Convention, and George Wellington Kolner, Commissioner of Agriculture, who served his people as a member of the House of Delegates from Augusta county.

As to Contested Places.

Of the six candidates who are running for contested places, all have had valuable legislative experience. Mr. Tucker served for eight years in the United States House of Representatives, and Judge Mann has been in the Senate of Virginia nearly ten years. Messrs. Elyson and Williams both served as members of the latter body, and Colonel Catlett and Colonel Caton have been prominent members of the House of Delegates. And when one stops to ask himself the question, "why this should not be so," intelligent reflection will lead him to the conclusion that it should where all other things are equal. It manifestly helps the Governor if he knows the ins and outs of legislation, and there he has been in Lexington but a short time when he was made Commonwealth's Attorney of Rockbridge county. In this position he was a faithful servant, and met all the requirements put upon him by the county and the State.

About Other Candidates.

Much has been said recently in the public press concerning the personnel of the candidates for Governor, and brief sketches of those who are running for the second and third places on the ticket might be of interest. Lieutenant-Governor J. Taylor Elyson, of this city, who is seeking re-election, has behind him a most enviable public record. He has served as Alderman, member of the School Board and Mayor of his city; as State Senator, chairman of the State Democratic Committee, and Lieutenant-Governor. He holds the latter position at present, and has filled them to the entire satisfaction of his constituents.

Mr. Elyson is also the national Democratic committeeman from Virginia. He is regarded as one of the ablest party leaders in the State. For nearly two decades he has guided the destinies of his party through the deep waters of opposition, and has never lost a battle. Thousands of times during this long and faithful service, candidates and party leaders have looked to him for advice and counsel. "Watchman, what is the night?" and the invariable answer has been: "All's well, the morning cometh."

A True Prophet.

That Mr. Elyson has come to know of what he thus speaks with reference to the politics of the State, is evidenced by the fact that, during his extended management of the party's affairs in the State, he has never lost a battle, and that he has never had opposition for re-election.

In his present campaign for a second term as Lieutenant-Governor, his competitor is Colonel James R. Caton, an eminent lawyer of the Alexandria bar and a prominent leader in the lower branch of the General Assembly. As a politician, Colonel Caton is a man, and has risen to his present high place at the bar and in the councils of his party, without the ordinary advantages of education.

It has been by hard knocks and close application to business that he has been enabled to rise, and for this reason his friends are the more deeply interested in his campaign. He is now, and has been for several sessions, the floor leader on the Democratic side of the House, a position which naturally gives him a great deal of prestige in the Legislature. Colonel Caton is a full-blooded, self-made man, and has risen to his present high place at the bar and in the councils of his party, without the ordinary advantages of education.

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For Attorney-General.

The candidates for Attorney-General are both lawyers of distinguished ability, who have long been actively identified with the conduct of the affairs of the Democratic party in the State.

Colonel Robert Catlett, the present Assistant Attorney-General, has been working for the success of the Democratic party almost since the time he was old enough to know what voting meant. Reared in Charlotte county, where it meant something to be a Democrat, he was a militant Democrat, he took the stand along with those who finally redeemed the Black Belt from negro domination, and in recognition of his services along this line, when a young man, he was sent to the House of Delegates. Colonel Catlett made a faithful representative in a strenuous period of the State's history, when men of firm conviction and undaunted courage were needed to cope with the crowd of unscrupulous politicians.

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ticians that General Mahone had inflicted upon the people.

Honored in Rockbridge.

Shortly after retiring from the House, Colonel Catlett removed his residence to Rockbridge county, and there he found new honors awaiting him. He had been in Lexington but a short time when he was made Commonwealth's Attorney of Rockbridge county. In this position he was a faithful servant, and met all the requirements put upon him by the county and the State.

Caton was a prominent candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress in the Tenth District, and though defeated, he came out of the race with the friendship of those who had opposed him, as well as that of his original supporters.

Colonel Catlett served a term as Superintendent of Schools in Rockbridge county, and has since the office of Assistant Attorney-General was created, filled that to the utmost satisfaction of the Attorney-General and the people of the State. He announces that he is standing for Attorney-General to-day as when first learned commentators and theologians began to attempt a solution of the historical basis for the narrative—for so it has largely come to be regarded—has left open a wide margin for criticism of his work.

Disputed Opponent.

In Judge Sam W. Williams, of Wythe, Colonel Catlett has an able and distinguished competitor. Judge Williams has been State Senator, circuit judge and Democratic elector for the State at large on the Democratic ticket. He is a good stumper, and has made a great many friends during his recent canvass over the State.

He is exceptionally strong in the Southwest, and his friends predict that he will make a great run in that section. Judge Williams was born in Pittsylvania county, and was one of the youngest of the Confederate soldiers. He did not see much of actual service, but shortly after the war, like other boys bereft of all, he started out to make a living. It is told of Judge Williams that he started across the country from Pittsylvania to Bland county with a few law books on his back, and looking more like a peddler than a lawyer.

Finally Triumphant.

An old man, at whose house he applied for sleeping accommodations, is said to have been suspicious of the would-be barrister, and refused him lodging. Young Williams went on, and later in life, we are told, rose to be a factor at the bar of Bland county, he married a daughter of the man who had refused him shelter. Judge Williams acknowledges the truth of this story, and appears to be very proud of it. He served one term in the State Senate from his district and was later elected circuit judge.

In 1886 he resigned the latter position in order to make the race for Congress in the Ninth District, having been nominated by the Democrats against the late General James A. Walker. General Walker won by a large majority, and since that time Judge Williams has been looking mainly after his law practice. He was one of the electors at large on the Bryan and Kern ticket last fall. S. L. Kelley, of this city, having been his running mate.

GOOD ROADS MEETINGS TO BE HELD IN SUFFOLK TO-NIGHT

Secretary H. L. Harwood and Assistant Secretary George W. Rogers, of the Virginia Highways Association, leave for this morning for Suffolk to attend a large mass-meeting there this afternoon. At Petersburg they will be joined by Senator Charles T. Laster, who will make the principal address. The meeting was arranged for by Delegate Robert W. Withers and C. A. Shoop, who have been the leaders in the good roads movement in that section of the State. The object of the meeting is to form in Suffolk a strong organization to work under the direction of the State association. Besides Mr. Laster, Mr. Withers and other prominent men will make speeches.

FEAST OF PURIM OCCURS TO-DAY

Ancient Jewish Festival Fittingly Celebrated Wherever Followers of Faith Congregate.

BALL WILL BE GIVEN HERE

Commemorates Deliverance of Israelites from Massacre at Hands of Haman.

The simple, yet highly-colored story told in the Book of Esther, in the Old Testament, is to-day being retold in every Jewish family throughout the world, and the Feast of Purim, or Feast of Lots or Feast of Esther, as it is variously known, is being celebrated in song and story, and by revels of joy and pleasure, because of the timely edict issued by Ahasuerus, King of Persia, which saved the Jews from a massacre.

The author of the Book of Esther, whose identity is as much a mystery to-day as when first learned commentators and theologians began to attempt a solution of the historical basis for the narrative—for so it has largely come to be regarded—has left open a wide margin for criticism of his work.

The story, briefly told, is that Ahasuerus, who has since become identified as Xerxes, who reigned in Persia B. C. 485-465, banished his Queen, Vashti, because of her refusal to obey a royal command to present herself in person before the King. Afterward Esther, an adopted daughter of Mordecai, became Queen. Haman, grand vizier to the King, becoming angered because Mordecai failed to do him proper honor, determined to vent his spleen on all Jews. Lots were cast for the selection of a day. The choice fell to Adar 13. In addition, Mordecai was to be hung on a gallows "fifty cubits" high.

Haman secured from the King a royal ukase that upon his payment of 10,000 talents into the treasury he would have the right to destroy all of a certain people then in the kingdom. This came to be known by Mordecai, who pleaded to such good effect with the King that a counter-command was issued which allowed the Jews, for so this certain class of people turned out to be, to gather themselves together and give battle for their lives. This they did with marked success on the 14th and 15th of Adar.

Immediately following the victory a great feast was held, amid much rejoicing.

Frequently Attacked. Certainly no portion of Jewish theology has been so frequently attacked as has the plausibility of the story of Esther, nor has any festival been so variously discussed. The story, according to most commentators, smacks too much of modern phraseology to have been written contemporaneously with the supposed occurrences. The prevailing opinion is that the story was written to justify the fast and feast of Purim. The word Pur, from which the feast is said to have derived its name, and which is held by the narrator to mean "lots," has also been attacked, because the Greek language from which the word springs

fails to give any such meaning to it, according to many authorities who have given the question serious study.

The prevalent belief, or at least the theory, now held as most tenable, is that put forth by Dr. Kuehn (Encyclopaedia Britannica, article on "Esther") that the feast is of Babylonian origin; purely secular in nature; that the Jew, coming from captivity, did much to create peace among the new people with whom he was to live, and therefore adopted many of the customs and celebrations of those people, which did not detract from or interfere with his religion; and that to justify the fast and feast of Purim the Book of Esther was written.

Josephus holds that the feast of Purim, a festival to which Jesus went to Jerusalem to celebrate, John v. 1; and further that in his day (Josephus) the feast was generally celebrated among all Jews.

By far the most interesting account is that which holds the feast to be a solar festival, the date of which is given to Jerusalem to celebrate, John v. 1; and further that in his day (Josephus) the feast was generally celebrated among all Jews.

A peculiar feature, and one which holds in no other book of the Old Testament, causing considerable comment, and giving rise to the strong belief that the book was written and interpolated in later versions, is that not once is the name of the Deity, even by inference, mentioned. The nearest approach to anything of this kind is when Mordecai, sending a message to Haman as to why he refused to bend the knee to the prime minister, is made to say "I am a Jew." Some writers take this reply to mean that because of the monotheism of the Jewish religion, no Jew may bend the knee to other than Jehovah. This is upheld by the Mosaic law.

The story is striking in that it carries out the idea of final liberation from dire trouble to those who remain true to the tenets of the faith. Discussion as to its merits and demerits will probably continue to the end